



American Physical Society

Engaging and Serving Physicists Worldwide

International Activities: Challenges & Opportunities

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APS Mission

... To advance and diffuse the knowledge of physics for the benefit of humanity, to promote physics, and to serve the physics community ... [since 1899]

APS Values

- The Scientific Method
- Truth and Integrity
- Diversity, Inclusion, and Respect
- Partnering, Cooperation, and Open Collaboration
- Speaking Out
- Education and Learning

Many dimensions!



APS Activities

Advance & Advocate. Communicate & Collaborate. Convene & Disseminate.
Enable & Include. Inspire & Integrate. Lead & Listen. Partner & Prod

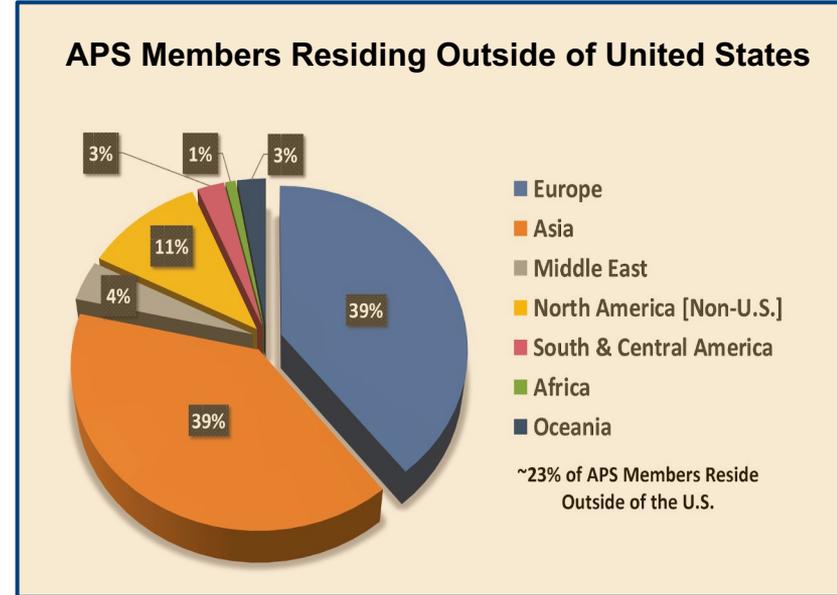
APS Priorities

- Strengthen scientist-to-scientist connections by
 - Hosting meetings (March, April, DPF, Snowmass ...)
 - Fostering communication (U.S.-China, Global Physics Roundtable ...)
 - Speaking out (China Initiative, Russia ...)
 - Ensuring mobility (Visas, Ukraine ...)
- We are one international physics community!

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International Engagement

- APS membership
 - Nearly **1/4** of the 50,000 APS members live outside the U.S.
- APS meetings
 - Close to **1/3** of the 13,500 March Meeting attendees come from outside the U.S.
 - Hybrid and satellite meetings enable more international participation
- APS journals
 - Over **85%** of published articles have a non-U.S. author or co-author



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Example: Science Diplomacy

■ U.S. – China Physics Roundtable

- Face-to-face dialogue among small high-level group, with members from Chinese Academy of Sciences, China Association of Science and Technology, U.S. National Academy of Sciences
- Open conversations about challenges to cooperation. Follow-on discussions with U.S. government

■ Global Physics Roundtable

- Virtual summit of leaders of national physics societies & other international organizations to discuss shared interests and concerns
 - Physics and Society: “The Role of Physics in the Green Economy”
 - Physics and Policy: “Research Security”





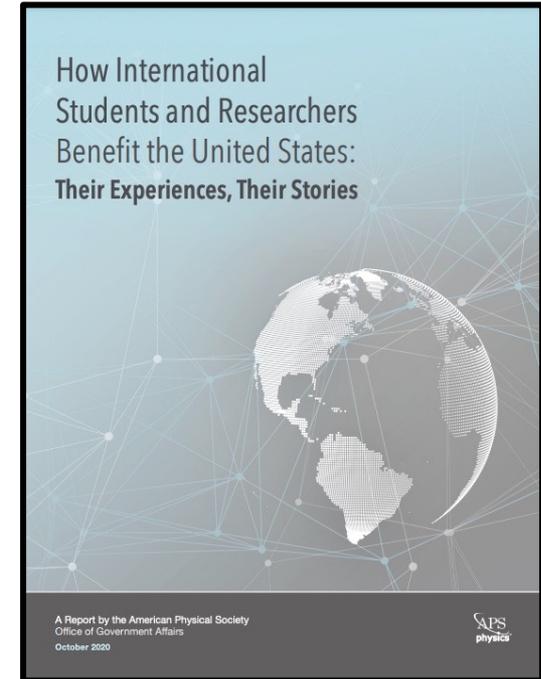
- **BUT** we can't convene global communities and welcome physicists worldwide if they can't get visas to come to the United States!
- APS advocates for visa policies that enhance scientific mobility
- Our message is simple
 - Physics across the globe advances physics in the U.S.
 - Physics in the U.S. advances physics across the globe
 - International collaboration advances physics worldwide

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Example: Scientific Mobility

International students and researchers: Why they come, how they come, and what they provide to the United States

- APS asked international members to share their stories on the importance of international mobility and scientific visas
 - Received more than 100 personal letters ranging from students and early career physicists to professors and Nobel laureates
- Their stories help APS to influence U.S. policymakers
 - Foreign-born inventors account for 23% of all U.S. patents since 1976
 - Since 2000, 38% of all U.S. Nobel laureates have been foreign-born
 - As of 2018, immigrants had founded > 50% (50 of 91) of U.S. privately-held billion-dollar startup companies; 21 first came on J-1 visa



Personal Stories and Statistics
www.aps.org/policy/analysis/



Going forward: APS will continue to convene and connect the global physics community

- Continue U.S.-China discussions
 - Identify mutually beneficial joint projects
 - Address areas of regulatory and security concerns that emerge
- Host Global Physics Roundtable
 - Agree on principles regarding research security
 - Explore establishing a standing body – a “P20” – for physics society conversations
 - Global Physics Society Roundtable?
- Advocate for international scientific mobility. We need your help!
- Reinforce historical U.S. role as a welcoming hub for the global physics community



APS Visa Website

<https://www.aps.org/programs/international/visa/>

- **Visa Information** - Learn about the visa application process, obtain information about visa interviews, and more
- **Visa Help** - What to do if your visa application is delayed and tips to avoid problems
- **Traveling Abroad from the United States** - Information for U.S. citizens and non-citizens traveling to meetings outside of the United States
- **Visa Processing** - Estimated wait times for visa processing at Consular Offices worldwide